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**AGING NETWORK NEWS**

**Governor Names 17 to LTC Advisory Commission**

**Gov. Jennifer Granholm** has announced 17 appointments to Michigan's Long-Term Care (LTC) Supports and Services Advisory Commission. These appointments are not subject to Senate approval.

The Michigan LTC Supports and Services Advisory Commission will assist in the development of policies and strategies to implement recommendations made by the Medicaid LTC Task Force.

Eight members represent primary and secondary consumers of LTC services. They are: **Linda Mulligan** of Ironwood, Regional Sales Director for Ameriplan USA; **William Mania** of Bloomfield Hills, Resident Council President of Medilodge of Bloomfield Hills; **William Gutos** of Grand Rapids, retired; **Andrew Farmer** of Lansing, AARP Association State Director for Health and Supportive Services, and **Toni Wilson** of Waterford, LTC Ombudsman for Citizens for Better Care. Also **RoAnne Chaney** of East Lansing, Health Policy Coordinator for the Michigan Disability Coalition and former Chair of the state's Medicaid LTC Task Force; **James Frances-Bohr** of East Lansing, Information Technology Specialist for the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition; and **Marcia Moers** of East Lansing, Community Advocacy Coordinator for the Capital Area Center for Independent Living, who also will serve as Chairperson of the LTC Advisory Commission.

Four members of the commission represent providers of Medicaid-funded LTC supports and services. They are: **Yolanda McKinney of Southfield**, CEO and Executive Secretary for Caring Hearts Home Care, and former member of the state's Medicaid LTC Task Force; **Dohn Hoyle** of Brighton, Executive Director of ARC Michigan, and former member of the state's Medicaid LTC Task Force; **Jon Reardon** of Saginaw, Owner/Administrator of the Hoyt Nursing and Rehab Center; and **Christine Chesny** of Bay City, President of the Mid Michigan Visiting Nurse Association.

Three members of the commission represent direct care staff providing LTC supports and services. They are: **Hollis Turnham** of Lansing, Michigan Policy Director for the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute; **Wendall Stone** of Detroit, Business Representative of SEIU Local 79; and **Sandra Kilde** of Lansing, President and CEO of the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

Two members of the commission represent the general public. **They are: Charles Williams** of Detroit, MI AFSME and **Linda Ewing** of Grosse Pointe, Research Director for the International Union, UAW.

In addition, Gov. Granholm's Executive Order that establishes the Michigan LTC Supports and Services Advisory Commission designates the following to serve as ex officio members of the LTC Commission: **Marianne Udow**, Director of the Michigan Department of Human Services (MDHS); **Sharon Gire**, Director of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA); and **Sarah Slocum**, State LTC Ombudsman.

Also, Commission Chair Marcia Moers has appointed **Mary Ablan**, Executive Director of the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM) to serve as Special Advisor to the LTC Commission.

### **AAA-3B Appoints New Executive Director**

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 3B in **Battle Creek** has appointed **Conrad Kramer** to serve as its new Executive Director. He begins his new duties on **April 26**, replacing **Pete Christ** who has served as Interim Director since last January.

Currently he is the Executive Director of the Brookview School International Montessori Academy in Benton Harbor. He previously served as the Executive Director of West Michigan Guardianship, and is a Past President of the Michigan Guardianship Association.

AAA-3B serve Barry and Calhoun Counties. For more information, call 269/966-2450.

### **AAAAM to conduct 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

This year's Annual Conference, sponsored by the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM), will be held **June 5-6** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing**.

It will feature four general sessions and 33 workshop sessions to meet the training needs of aging network professionals, senior adults, students and people with disabilities. The general sessions will address Person-Centered Planning, Nursing Home Transitions, Single Points of Entry and an update from the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH).

Sponsorships are available for those wishing to exhibit. For more information, go to [www.mi-seniors.net](http://www.mi-seniors.net) or call 517/886-1029.

### **BCBS Seeks Nominations for 2006 Community Service Awards**

For the past 15 years, since 1990, the Senior Advisory Council of Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Michigan has presented two Claude Pepper Awards to honor outstanding advocates who have made a difference in the lives of senior adults. They are named after the late U.S. Representative who campaigned for senior citizen rights.

Each year one of the two awards is presented to a senior adult who is retired. The other award is presented to a person of any age who is employed in the field of senior adult advocacy. Each receives a \$1,000 donation for the charity of his or her choice. For 2006, the Education Committee of the BCBS Senior Advisory Council once again is seeking nominees for these two awards.

Nominees for the Claude Pepper Awards should demonstrate a strong concern for the special needs of elders. Their actions should profoundly impact the lives of senior adults, in particular those who do not receive adequate health services due to their mental, physical, financial or geographical limitations.

The awards are given to individuals, not organizations. A person's voluntary service that has benefited an individual or community must have been provided in Michigan. Those holding elective office, as well as BCBS employees and members of the selection committee or members of their immediate families, are not eligible.

The deadline for submitting nominations is **April 30**. For more information, or to obtain or submit a nomination form, go to [www.bcbsm.com/community service awards](http://www.bcbsm.com/community_service_awards) or call toll-free 800/733-2583.

### **AoA Offers Training on How to Apply for Discretionary Grants**

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2006, the Administration on Aging (AoA) is requiring all those applying for discretionary grants to submit their applications by means of Grants.gov. This website is a single, authoritative source for finding information about, and applying for all government competitive grant opportunities.

AoA will host a one-hour teleconference at 3:00 p.m. on **April 19** to give participants an understanding about how to submit applications via the Grants.gov website (BLOCKED::http://www.grants.gov/>www.grants.gov). It will include a brief presentation and ample time for questions and answers regarding the application process.

Registration is not required for the teleconference. For participants, the toll-free call-in number is 888/283-3870, and the passcode is 3768726.

A pre-requisite for participating will be to watch a Grants.gov demonstration film on "Completing Grant Application Packages." The film can be downloaded from the Grants.gov website (BLOCKED::http://www.grants.gov/doingbus/grants/applying.asp>http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/grants/applying.asp).

In addition, during the teleconference, the attached PowerPoint presentation, to assist applicants in applying for AoA grants, will be reviewed. Participants will be asked to have a copy of this AoA PowerPoint presentation with them, or on their computer screen during the teleconference.

For those unable to participate, an audio tape of the teleconference will be posted at BLOCKED::http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/grants/applying.asp>http://www.gov/doingbus/grants/applying.asp within a week after its conclusion.

For more information about the teleconference, call 202/357-3465 or go to BLOCKED::mailto:arthur.miller@aoa.hhs.gov>arthur.miller@aoa.hhs.gov.

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### **OSA EVENTS/MEETINGS**

#### **Michigan Task Force on Elder Abuse**

The next meeting will be held 10:00 a.m. **April 20** at the Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbott Road in **East Lansing**. At this meeting the task force will continue deliberations on draft

recommendations. No public testimony will be taken. For more information, to to the task force website ([www.elderabusemi.org](http://www.elderabusemi.org)) and the OSA website ([www.miseniors.net](http://www.miseniors.net)) with instructions for submitting public comment.

Also, three public hearings to discuss the draft task force recommendations will be held **May 8** in **St. Ignace**, **May 9** in **Detroit**, and **May 12** in **Grand Rapids**. Information about locations is available on both [www.elderabusemi.org](http://www.elderabusemi.org) and [www.miseniors.net](http://www.miseniors.net). For more information, call **Wendi Middleton** at OSA (517/373-8230) or e-mail her at [middletonw@michigan.gov](mailto:middletonw@michigan.gov).

### **Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA)**

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the State Advisory Council on Aging, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **April 21** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Cindy Albrecht** at OSA (517/335-4016) or e-mail her at [albrechtc@michigan.gov](mailto:albrechtc@michigan.gov)

### **State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC)**

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Commission on Services to the Aging, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **April 21** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Sally Steiner** at OSA (517/373-8810) or e-mail her at [steiners@michigan.gov](mailto:steiners@michigan.gov).

### **OSA/Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Directors**

The next meeting will be held 1:30 p.m. **May 9** in Conference Room 3B, on the third floor above OSA, 7109 West Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Jan Bowlin** at OSA (517/241-3864) or e-mail her at [bowlinj1@michigan.gov](mailto:bowlinj1@michigan.gov), or call **Mary Ablan** at the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (517/886-1227) or e-mail her at [ablan@iserv.net](mailto:ablan@iserv.net)

### **OSA State Plan Public Input Sessions**

The last state plan public input session will be held 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **May 19** at the Little Bear East Arena & Community Center in **St. Ignace**

To date, OSA and the Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA) have conducted six public input sessions (**October 21** at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways in **Mt. Pleasant**, **November 18** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center in **Lansing**, **February 21** at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in **Detroit**, **March 17** at Access in **Dearborn**, **March 21** at Senior Services, Inc. in **Kalamazoo**, and **March 29** at the U of M Flint Conference Center in **Flint**).

Those interested in transportation, nutrition, housing, long-term care (LTC), health, independence, scams, employment, and volunteer opportunities for senior adults, and other issues important to senior adults are invited to attend these two free public input sessions to express their opinions to policy makers.

Verbal comments made by interested individuals at the public input sessions are welcome. Written comments also may be submitted by **May 20** to OSA (7109 West Saginaw Highway, P.O. Box 30676 in **Lansing**, 48909-8176). For more information or directions to the sites, go to the OSA website ([www.miseniors.net](http://www.miseniors.net)) or call OSA (517/373-8230).

### **EVENTS/MEETINGS ADDED SINCE THE LAST ISSUE**

**Spring Dinner**, a ham dinner fund-raiser for families and friends sponsored by the Gratiot Community Senior Center **April 12** at the center in **St. Louis**. For more information, call 989/681-4341.

**Brain Aerobics: Fitness for Your Mind**, a free seminar sponsored by the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA) **April 12** at the CoA in **Cassopolis**. For more information, call 269-445-8110, or toll-free 800/323-0390.

**AARP Senior Defensive Driving Program**, sponsored by the Meridian Senior Center **April 17-18** at the center in **Okemos**. For more information, 517/349-2209.

**How to do Nursing Facility Transitions**, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of Western Michigan and the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition **April 25** at the American Red Cross in **Grand Rapids**. For more information or to register, call toll-free 800/760-4600, ext. 15.

**Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?**, a free seminar sponsored by the Gratiot Commission on Aging (CoA) **April 18** at the CoA in **Ithaca** to talk about estate planning and the transfer of non-titled personal property to the next generation without causing family stress. For more information, call 989/875-5246.

**MALA 2006 Provider Conference**, sponsored by the Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA) **May 1-3** at the Lansing Center in **Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.miassistedliving.org](http://www.miassistedliving.org) or call toll-free 800/482-0118.

**Third Annual Hispanic Mental Health Conference: Living on the Edge**, sponsored by Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health, Genesee County Community Mental Health (CMH), Health Delivery, Inc. and Saginaw County CMH Authority **May 5** at Saginaw Valley State University in **University Center**. For more information or to register, go to [www.macmhb.org](http://www.macmhb.org) or call 989/797-3400 or 517/374-6848.

**How Michigan will be Impacted by the Stop Overspending (SOS) Ballot Proposal**, a free public forum sponsored by the Michigan League for Human Services (MLHS) **May 8** at the Lansing Center in **Lansing** to educate participants about what the ramifications of this ballot proposal would be on education, health care and human services, including aging network services, if it were adopted in Michigan. For more information, call 517/492-2400.

**How Michigan will be Impacted by the Stop Overspending (SOS) Ballot Proposal**, a free public forum sponsored by the Michigan League for Human Services (MLHS) **May 9** at the Wayne State University (WSU) Oakland Center in **Farmington** to educate participants about what the ramifications of this ballot proposal would be on education, health care and human services, including aging network services, if it were adopted in Michigan. For more information, call 517/492-2400.

**The National Medicaid Congress: Strategies for Navigating the New Medicaid**, sponsored by Harvard Health Policy Review, Health Affairs, FDC Reports and the Medical Education Collaborative **June 4-6** at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in **Washington, DC**. For more information, go to [www.medicaidcongress.com](http://www.medicaidcongress.com) or call 760/365-0837 or toll-free 800/684-4549.

**Call for Proposals: 2007 Joint Conference of the National Council on Aging (NCoA) and the American Society on Aging (ASA)**, to be held March 7-10, 2007 in **Chicago**. The deadline for submitting proposals is **June 5**. For more information, go to [www.agingconference.org](http://www.agingconference.org), call 415/974-9600 or e-mail to [jc07@asaging.org](mailto:jc07@asaging.org).

**Dementia Related Illnesses**, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **June 13** at the Assumption Cultural

Center in **St. Clair Shores** to provide an overview of dementia and related illnesses. For more information, call 586/445-7999.

**Partnering with Your Doctor**, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **June 15** at the Assumption Cultural Center in **St. Clair Shores** for persons with memory problems and their care partners. For more information, call 586/445-7999.

**Michigan Depression in Bereavement Conference 2006**, sponsored by the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (MHPCO) and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) **June 16** at the Lansing Center in **Lansing** to help participants learn strategies useful in addressing depression in caregivers, patients and families. For more information or to register, go to [www.mihospice.org](http://www.mihospice.org) or call toll-free 800/536-6300.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **June 19** at the Assumption Cultural Center in **St. Clair Shores** to explore causes and issues facing kinship caregivers. For more information, call 586/445-7999.

**Facilitating Support Groups**, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **July 12-26** at the MCC Center Campus in **Clinton Township** to learn how to organize, lead and facilitate caregiver support groups. For more information, call 586/445-7999.

**2006 Summer Games**, sponsored by the Michigan Senior Olympics **July 8-15** at the Western Michigan University (WMU) campus in **Kalamazoo**. For more information, go to [www.michiganseniorolympics.org](http://www.michiganseniorolympics.org), call 248/608-0250 or toll-free 800/400-8161. Also, see the AGING NETWORK NEWS section of this issue (above).

**Anything but Bingo**, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **July 22-29** at the MCC Center Campus in **Clinton Township** to learn ideas for physical, social and spiritual programs for senior adults with a wide range of abilities. For more information, call 586/445-7999.

**When & How to Move a Loved One**, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **August 8-10** at the Assumption Cultural Center in **St. Clair Shores** to explore when home services should be considered, and when those services are not enough. For more information, call 586/445-7999.

**Will and Trust Preparation**, a Summer 2006 Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by the Macomb Community College (MCC) Center for Continuing Education **August 23** at the MCC Center Campus in **Clinton Township** to learn how to draft your will and plan your estate plan. For more information, call 586/445-7999.

**22<sup>nd</sup> National Home & Community Based Services Conference/Age and Disability Odyssey**, entitled "Seasons of Change in Home and Community Supports" and sponsored by the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA) and the Minnesota Department of Human Services/Aging and Adult Services **October 3-6** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in **Minneapolis, MN**. For more information, go to [www.nasua.org/waiverconference](http://www.nasua.org/waiverconference) or call 202/898-2578.

**2006 Senior Advisory Council 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network **October 13** at the Bavarian Inn in **Frankenmuth**. For more

information, call toll-free 800/733-2583

**CEO 601: Advanced Leadership**, a training sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for board members and executives of nonprofit organizations **October 18-20** at the Shanty Creek Resort in **Bellaire**. For more information, go to [www.johnsoncenter.org](http://www.johnsoncenter.org) or call 616/331-7232.

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## MICHIGAN CONFERENCES

**Senior Summit 2006**, a conference entitled "The Upside of Aging: The Business of Aging Professional Development Seminar," and sponsored by AARP and the Traverse Area Chamber of Commerce, and hosted by the Aging Institute of Michigan (AIM) **April 25** at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in **Traverse City**. For more information, go to [www.seniorssummit.net](http://www.seniorssummit.net) or call 231/941-1905.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Developmental Disabilities Conference**, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) **April 26-27** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call 269/337-4611.

**Long Term Care... Beyond the Basics**, a regional conference sponsored by Citizens for Better Care **April 27** at the Hampton Inn in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/347-7398.

**Michigan Nonprofit Super Conference 2006: New Directions in Nonprofit Excellence**, sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association **May 2-3** at the Sheraton Detroit Novi in **Novi**. For more information, go to [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org) or call toll-free 888/242-7075.

**4<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Health Issues in the Arab American Community**, sponsored by the ACCESS Community Health & Research Center and the Wayne State University (WSU) School of Medicine **May 11-12** at the Dearborn Inn, a Marriott Hotel in **Dearborn**. For more information, call 313/216-2244 or e-mail to [mhazboun@accesscommunity.org](mailto:mhazboun@accesscommunity.org).

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Issues in Aging Conference**, sponsored by the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan and the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan **May 15-16** at the Management Education Center in **Troy** to focus on "Cognitive Impairments: Clinical and Community Impacts," and "Older Adults: Emerging Tools and Programs." For more information, call 313/577-1180 or e-mail to [dcme@med.wayne.edu](mailto:dcme@med.wayne.edu).

**2006 Joint Annual Conference**, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Programs (MANASP) and the Michigan Directors of Services to the Aging (MDSA) **May 17-18** at the Doubletree in **Bay City**. For more information, call 810/987-8811 or e-mail to [coaj\\_hager@arenet.net](mailto:coaj_hager@arenet.net) or [katygchc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katygchc@sbcglobal.net).

**Third Annual Michigan Mental Health & Aging Conference**, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) and coordinated by the Lansing Community College (LCC) Mental Health and Aging Project **May 23-24** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to [beham@lcc.edu](mailto:beham@lcc.edu). See also the AGING NETWORK NEWS section of this issue (above).

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Policy Forum**, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association **June 3-6** at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel in **Washington, DC** to tell Congress about the urgency of the

Alzheimer's issue. For more information, go to [www.alz.org/publicpolicyforum](http://www.alz.org/publicpolicyforum) or call 202/393-7737 or 312/335-5833.

**Governing Nonprofits for Success**, a conference sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for board members and executives of nonprofit organizations to discuss governance issues and techniques **September 15** at the Loosemore Auditorium on the GVSU Pew Campus in **Grand Rapids**. For more information, go to [www.johnsoncenter.org](http://www.johnsoncenter.org) or call 616/331-7232.

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: Transitions Through a Lifespan**, sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Michigan **September 28-29** at the Lansing Center in **Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.biaini.org](http://www.biaini.org) or call toll-free 800/772-4323.

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## DEMENTIA EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Person-Centered Dementia Care: What is it, Why it Works and Methods for How to**, sponsored by the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association **April 27** at the offices of The Greater Michigan Chapter Alzheimer's Association in **Southfield**. For more information, call 810/231-2723 or e-mail to [annerobinson2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annerobinson2@sbcglobal.net).

**Advanced Techniques in Dementia Care**, a training session sponsored by the Gerontology Network **April 28** at Michigan Works at Michigan Works in **Reed City**. For more information, go to [www.gerontologynetwork.org](http://www.gerontologynetwork.org) or call 616/771-9710.

**Partnering in Care: The Seventh Dr. Richard Seyfarth Schreiber Memorial Conference**, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Great Lakes Chapter at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in **Kalamazoo**. For more information go to [www.alzmigreatlakes.org](http://www.alzmigreatlakes.org) or call 269/387-4174.

**Advanced Techniques in Dementia Care**, a training session sponsored by the Gerontology Network **June 9** at Evergreen Commons in **Holland**. For more information, go to [www.gerontologynetwork.org](http://www.gerontologynetwork.org) or call 616/771-9710.

**Managing Challenging Behaviors of Dementia**, a training session sponsored by the Gerontology Network **June 16** at the Osceola State Bank in **Baldwin**. For more information, go to [www.gerontologynetwork.org](http://www.gerontologynetwork.org) or call 616/771-9710.

**Understanding Alzheimer's**, an introductory program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter to recognize possible signs of Alzheimer's Disease; better understand how Alzheimer's is diagnosed; recognize the effects of Alzheimer's on the brain; and gain access to community resources. The programs will be held:

**April 13** at Active Living for Adults (ALFA) in **East Lansing**

**April 24** at the Portage Senior Center in **Portage**

**April 26** at the Chelsea Senior Center in **Chelsea**

**May 3** at the Fremont Public Library in **Fremont**

**May 9** at Catholic Social Services in **Muskegon**

**May 17** at the St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital in **Howell**

**May 23** at Redeemer United Methodist Church in **DeWitt**

**May 25** at the Frenchtown Senior Center in **Monroe**

**May 31** at the Hillsdale Workforce Development and Technology Center in **Hillsdale**

**June 6** at the CQC Stephenson Home in **Adrian**  
**June 6** at the Woodlawn Meadows Retirement Village in **Hastings**  
**June 8** at the St. Joseph County Commission on Aging in **Three Rivers**  
**June 8** at West Shore Community College in **Scottville**  
**June 12** at the John Ganton's Countryside Retirement Community in **Jackson**  
**June 13** at the Sparrow Professional Building in **Lansing**  
**June 15** at the Family Health Care Annex in **Baldwin**  
**June 15** at the H&C Burnside Senior Center in **Coldwater**  
**June 20** at Eaton Rapids Senior Center in **Eaton Rapids**  
**June 23** at the Ann Arbor Senior Center in **Ann Arbor**

For more information, go to [www.alzmigreatlakes.org](http://www.alzmigreatlakes.org) or call 800/272-3900.

**Maintain Your Brain: How to Live a Brain Healthy Lifestyle**, a workshop sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter to provide an educational experience and interactive exploration of the latest insights about what individuals can do for lifelong brain health. The workshops will be held:

**April 28** at the Pittsfield Senior Center in **Ann Arbor**  
**May 22** at the Chelsea Community Hospital in **Chelsea**  
**May 23** at Arbor Woods in **Jackson**  
**May 25** at the Washtenaw County LBPD in **Ann Arbor**  
**June 5** at the Burnham Brook Center in **Battle Creek**

For more information, go to [www.alzmigreatlakes.org](http://www.alzmigreatlakes.org) or call 800/272-3900.

**Caring for a Person with Late Stage Alzheimer's Disease**, a program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter to discuss the challenges caregivers face during the late stage of Alzheimer's Disease; what they can expect as the disease progresses; and how to make meaningful connections with their loved ones, and maintain their connections with family and friends. The programs will be held:

**April 26** at the Burnham Brook Center in **Battle Creek**  
**April 27** at the Mercy Family Care Center in **Muskegon**  
**May 11** at the Sparrow Health System St. Lawrence Campus in **Lansing**  
**May 25** at Senior Services, Inc. in **Kalamazoo**  
**June 8** at the Jackson County Department on Aging in **Jackson**  
**June 20** at the Red Cross in **Ann Arbor**

For more information, go to [www.alzmigreatlakes.org](http://www.alzmigreatlakes.org) or call 800/272-3900.

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## **MICHIGAN NONPROFIT SEMINARS/TRAINING EVENTS**

**Losing Your World**, a training session sponsored by the Gerontology Network **April 14** at Above & Beyond in **Norton Shores**. For more information, go to [www.gerontologynetwork.org](http://www.gerontologynetwork.org) or call 616/771-9710.

**Spring 2006 Joint Provider/Surveyor Training**, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) **April 18** at the Rock Financial Showplace in **Novi** to show how leaders can build successful teams that are both nurturing and goal oriented. For more information, go to

[www.mpro.org/jpst/](http://www.mpro.org/jpst/), call 248/465-7432 or e-mail to [hpicotte@mpro.org](mailto:hpicotte@mpro.org).

**The Diagnostic Dilemma: Is it a Medical or Psychiatric Condition**, sponsored by the Lansing Community College (LCC) Mental Health and Aging Project **April 18** at the Wayne State University (WSU) Oakland Center in **Farmington Hills**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to [beham@lcc.edu](mailto:beham@lcc.edu).

**Don't Have a Stroke**, a seminar sponsored by the Portage Senior Center **April 20** at the center in **Portage** to discuss the signs and symptoms of strokes and preventive methods. For more information or to register, call 269/329-4555.

**Help for the Mature Driver**, a 55 Alive Mature Driving Course sponsored by AARP and the Madison Heights Senior Activity Center **April 20-21** at the Senior Activity Center in **Madison Heights**. For more information, call 248/545-3464.

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Aging**, a Contemporary Issues in Aging seminar sponsored by Michigan State University (MSU) School of Social Work Continuing Education Program as part of its Professional Seminar Series **April 22** at MSU in **East Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.ssc.msu.edu/-sw/ceu/index.html](http://www.ssc.msu.edu/-sw/ceu/index.html) or call 517/353-8620.

**Best Practices to Improve Your Business**, a workshop on a method, approach or practice of managing people and processes sponsored by the National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit Chapter **April 25** at the Central Michigan University (CMU) Learning Center in **Troy**. For more information or to register, go to [www.nawbogdc.org](http://www.nawbogdc.org) or call 313/961-4748.

**Grandparents & Other Relatives Raising Children**, sponsored by the MFit Health Education Resource Center at the University of Michigan (U of M) **April 26** at the East Ann Arbor Health Center in **Ann Arbor**. For more information, go to [www.med.umich.edu/mfit/herc](http://www.med.umich.edu/mfit/herc) or call 734/647-5645 or toll free 800/433-6348.

**Take Control of your Arthritis**, sponsored by the MFit Health Education Resource Center at the University of Michigan (U of M) **May 2** at the East Ann Arbor Health Center in **Ann Arbor**. For more information, go to [www.med.umich.edu/mfit/herc](http://www.med.umich.edu/mfit/herc) or call 734/647-5645 or toll free 800/433-6348.

**Sustainability: Let Your Mission be Your Guide**, a seminar sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) to provide nonprofit leaders and their board members with information to look beyond traditional fundraising methods **May 11** at the Loosemore Auditorium on the GVSU Pew Campus in **Grand Rapids**. For more information, go to [www.johnsoncenter.org](http://www.johnsoncenter.org) or call 616/331-7232.

**Losing Your World**, a training session sponsored by the Gerontology Network **May 19** at the Montcalm County Commission on Aging in **Stanton**. For more information, go to [www.gerontologynetwork.org](http://www.gerontologynetwork.org) or call 616/771-9710.

**Grant Writing Made Simple**, a training session sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center **May 25** at the Holiday Inn-Saginaw in **Lansing**. For more information, call toll-free 800/535-1218 or e-mail to [kinship@msu.edu](mailto:kinship@msu.edu).

**Fundraising for Small Nonprofits**, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **April 25-27** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information,

go to [www.philanthropy.iupui.edu](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu) or call 800/962-6692.

**CEO 201**, a management and leadership training seminar sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for new executive directors of nonprofit organizations **June 20-22** at Alumni House on the GVSU Allendale Campus in **Allendale**. For more information, go to [www.johnsoncenter.org](http://www.johnsoncenter.org) or call 616/331-7232.

**Identifying Community Resources**, a training session sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center **June 23** at the Hannah Community Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call toll-free 800/535-1218 or e-mail to [kinship@msu.edu](mailto:kinship@msu.edu).

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#### **OTHER MICHIGAN EVENTS/MEETINGS**

**Softening the Blow of Economic Dislocation**, a public policy forum sponsored by the Michigan League for Human Services (MLHS) **April 12** at the Lansing Community College (LCC) West Campus Center in **Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.milhs.org](http://www.milhs.org) or call 517/487-5436.

**Macomb County's 2006 Senior Expo**, sponsored by the Clinton Township Senior Adult Life Center and St. John Health **April 19** at the Best Western Concorde Inn in **Clinton Township**. For more information, call 586/286-9333 or e-mail to [m.makowski@clintontownship-mi.gov](mailto:m.makowski@clintontownship-mi.gov).

**Kent County Kinship Legal and Meditation Meeting**, sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center **April 20** at the Eastbrook Homes Conference Center in **Grand Rapids**. For more information, call toll-free 800/535-1218 or e-mail to [kinship@msu.edu](mailto:kinship@msu.edu).

**Gala 2006: An Evening Under the Stars**, entitled "Living Longer and Loving It" with net proceeds to benefit the Chronic Illness Coalition (CIC) **April 25** at the Laurel Manor Convention Center in **Livonia**. For more information, call 734/658-4317.

**Wayne County Kinship Legal and Mediation Meeting**, sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center **April 26** at the William Costick Center in **Farmington Hills**. For more information, call toll-free 800/535-1218 or e-mail to [kinship@msu.edu](mailto:kinship@msu.edu).

**Monroe County Caregiver Fair**, a free event for family caregivers sponsored by the Monroe Aging Consortium **April 29** at Monroe County Community College in **Monroe**. For more information, call 734/242-8711.

**Best Practices of Northern Michigan Committee (BPNM) Meeting**, sponsored by Citizens for Better Care of Northern Michigan and the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency/Region IX Area Agency on Aging (AAA-9) **May 2** at the Medilodge in **Hillman**. For more information, call toll-free 866/485-9393 or 231/947-2504.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Vegetable Soup Variety Show**, an intergenerational event featuring a variety of talents and ages and sponsored by Prime Time, the East Lansing Seniors' Program **May 6** at the Hannah Community Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call 517/337-1113 or e-mail to [karndt@ci.east-lansing.mi.us](mailto:karndt@ci.east-lansing.mi.us).

**Song and Social**, sponsored by the St. Rose Senior Citizens Center to celebrate the 27<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of the center's founding **May 7** at the St. Rose School Building (now called Detroit Enterprize Academy) in **Detroit**. For more information, call 313/921-9277.

**Ingham County Kinship Caregivers Speak-Out Meeting** with State Legislators interested in kinship issues, sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center **May 12** at the Hannah Community Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call toll-free 800/535-1218 or e-mail to [kinship@msu.edu](mailto:kinship@msu.edu).

**Statewide Meeting**, sponsored by the Michigan Campaign for Quality Care **May 13** in the Lake Superior Room of the Library of Michigan in **Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.campaignforquality.org](http://www.campaignforquality.org) or call 517/324-5754.

**UP Kinship Service Provider's Meeting**, sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Kinship Care Resource Center **June 1** at the Northern Michigan University (NMU) Don Bottum University Center in **Marquette**. For more information, call toll-free 800/535-1218 or e-mail to [kinship@msu.edu](mailto:kinship@msu.edu).

**Third Annual Family Gathering**, a meeting and gathering sponsored by the Family Support Work Group and the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council **July 11** at Hawk Island Park in **Lansing**. For more information, call 334-6123.

**Statewide Meeting**, sponsored by the Michigan Campaign for Quality Care **July 15** in the Lake Superior Room of the Library of Michigan in **Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.campaignforquality.org](http://www.campaignforquality.org) or call 517/324-5754.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Clair County Caregiver Fair**, a free event for family caregivers sponsored by Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 1B **September 30** at the Thomas Edison Inn in **Port Huron**. For more information, call toll-free 800/852-7795 or e-mail to [jjarvis@aaa1b.com](mailto:jjarvis@aaa1b.com).

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## CONFERENCES/EVENTS OUTSIDE MICHIGAN

**2006 Annual National Aging and Law Conference**, entitled "Elder Rights: Building the Past, Strengthening the Future" and sponsored by the AARP Foundation, the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA) and others, **April 20-23** at the Double Tree Hotel in **Arlington, VA**. For more information, go to [www.aarp.org/nltp](http://www.aarp.org/nltp) or call 202/434-2197.

**Interpersonal Communication for Fundraising**, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **May 3-4** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to [www.philanthropy.iupui.edu](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu) or call 800/962-6692.

**Principles & Techniques of Fundraising**, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **May 8-12** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to [www.philanthropy.iupui.edu](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu) or call 800/962-6692.

**The Disease Management Colloquium**, an executive education course on the role of disease management in Medicare, Medicaid, healthcare cost efficiency, quality and medical errors reduction sponsored by the Jefferson Medical College Department of Health Policy **May 10-12** at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing in **Philadelphia, PA**. For more information, go to [www.dmconferences.com](http://www.dmconferences.com) or call toll-free 800/546-3750.

**Nonprofits & Innovation: Surviving & Thriving in an Age of Change**, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Axelson Center Symposium for Nonprofit Professionals **May 16-17** at the Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management at North Park University on the north side of **Chicago, IL**. For more information, go to [www.northpark.edu/axelson/2006.cfm](http://www.northpark.edu/axelson/2006.cfm), call 877/678-4438 or e-mail to [kmaldre@northpark.edu](mailto:kmaldre@northpark.edu).

**Powerful Boards, Powerful Fundraising**, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **May 20-21** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to [www.philanthropy.iupui.edu](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu) or call 800/962-6692.

**Expo 2006**, sponsored by the Community Transportation Association of America **June 3-9** at the Gaylord Palms in **Orlando, FL**. This event includes the **National Conference on Medical Transportation: Mobile Communities are Healthy Communities** and the **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Training and Technology Conference**. For more information, go to [www.ctaa.org/expo](http://www.ctaa.org/expo), or call toll-free 800/788-7077.

**2006 National Aging and Disability I&R/A Symposium**, sponsored by the National Aging I&R Support Center and the National State Units on Aging (NASUA) to be held in conjunction with the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems (AIRA) Training and Education Conference **June 4-7** at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee in **Milwaukee, WI**. For more information go to [www.nasua.org/informationandreferral](http://www.nasua.org/informationandreferral), call 202/898-2578 or e-mail to [glink@nasua.org](mailto:glink@nasua.org).

**17th Annual Summer Geriatric Institute: Caring for the Vulnerable**, sponsored by the Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center **June 6-7** at St. Louis University in **St. Louis, MO**. For more information, go to <http://aging.slu.edu> or call 314/977-8848.

**Interpersonal Communication for Fundraising**, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **June 7-8** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to [www.philanthropy.iupui.edu](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu) or call 800/962-6692.

**Principles & Techniques of Fundraising**, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **June 12-16** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to [www.philanthropy.iupui.edu](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu) or call 800/962-6692.

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Session: School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies**, sponsored by the University of Utah and the Utah State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health **June 18-23** at the University of Utah campus in **Salt Lake City, UT**. For more information, go to [www.uuhsc.utah.edu/uas](http://www.uuhsc.utah.edu/uas) or call 801/538-4343.

**Annual Research Meeting 2006** (the premier forum for health services research), sponsored by Academy Health **June 25-27** at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center in **Seattle, WA**. For more information, go to [www.academyhealth.org/arm/abstracts](http://www.academyhealth.org/arm/abstracts).

**Annual Training Conference**, sponsored by the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Providers (NANASP) **June 29-July 1** at the Wynfry Hotel in **Birmingham, AL**. For more information, go to [www.nanasp.org](http://www.nanasp.org) or call 202/682-6899.

**Governor's Statewide Conference on Aging: the Changing Face of Aging**, sponsored by the Nebraska Division of Aging and Disability Services, the State Unit on Aging, **August 8-10** at the Holiday Inn in **Kearney, NE**. For more information, call toll-free 800/942-7830.

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer School of Gerontology**, sponsored by the South Carolina Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging **August 20-25** to provide education and training for professionals who

work with the aging population and others interested in aging issues at Springmaid Beach, **Myrtle Beach, SC**. The lodging and meal costs of presenters, as well as limited travel costs, will be covered. For more information, call 803/734-9878 or e-mail to [halljen@aging.sc.gov](mailto:halljen@aging.sc.gov).

**Powerful Boards, Powerful Fundraising**, sponsored by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (IU) **September 20-21** at The Fundraising School in **Indianapolis, IN**. For more information, go to [www.philanthropy.iupui.edu](http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu) or call 800/962-6692.

**2006 Annual Conference**, sponsored by the National Guardianship Association (NGA) **October 7-10** at the Newport Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in **Newport Beach, CA**. For more information, go to [www.guardianship.org](http://www.guardianship.org), call 814/238-3126 or e-mail to [info@guardianship.org](mailto:info@guardianship.org).

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## FOR-PROFIT TRAINING EVENTS/RESOURCES

The following information about for-profit training events and resources is presented as a public service for informational purposes only, and should not be interpreted as constituting OSA promotion or endorsement. OSA does not receive financial or any other benefit for providing this information.

### Major Gifts Report Available to Subscribers

Interested individuals can subscribe to a newsletter entitled The Major Gifts Report. Published by Stevenson, Inc., it contains information about methods and strategies to help organizations generate large gifts.

These include ways to recruit and nurture wealthy board members; solicitation techniques for approaching those with wealth who are looking for a good cause to support; research strategies for uncovering wealth; profiles of successful major gift campaigns; how to hire and train staff members to raise major gifts; methods for training and motivating volunteers; techniques to use in naming gifts for leveraging gifts; and ideas for securing grants from business and foundations.

For more information, go to [www.stevensoninc.com](http://www.stevensoninc.com) or call 712/239-3010

### For-Profit Training Events

**Business Process Management for State and Local Government**, a free seminar with lunch sponsored by Infiniron "The Solution that Works" **April 19** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center in **Lansing**. For more information, go to [www.infiniron.com](http://www.infiniron.com) or call toll-free 866-988-5764.

**Excelling as a First-Time Supervisor**, a one-day seminar sponsored by Fred Pryor Seminars **June 13** in **Marquette**. For more information, go to [www.pryor.com](http://www.pryor.com) or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

**Conference for Women**, sponsored by Skillpath Seminars **June 28** at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in **Grand Rapids** to provide success strategies and insights for women of all ages. For more information, go to [www.skillpath.com](http://www.skillpath.com) or call toll-free 800/873-7545.

**How to Supervise People**, sponsored by Fred Pryor Seminars **April 17** in **Kalamazoo**, **April 18** in **Grand Rapids**, **April 19** in **Lansing**, **April 20** in **Ann Arbor**, **April 20** in **Jackson**, **April 21** in **Dearborn**, **April 21** in **Troy**, **April 24** in **Petoskey**, **April 25** in **Traverse City**, **April 26** in

**Saginaw, April 27 in Flint, and July 24 in Marquette.** For more information, go to [www.pryor.com](http://www.pryor.com) or call toll-free 800/556-3012.

**How to Become a Better Communicator**, a training sponsored by Skillpath Seminars **May 22 in Grand Rapids, May 23 in Saginaw, June 26 in Lansing, June 27 in Traverse City, June 28 in Sault Ste. Marie, July 19 in Farmington Hills, July 20 in Dearborn, July 21 in Flint, August 10 in Ann Arbor, and August 11 in Troy.** For more information, go to [www.skillpath.com](http://www.skillpath.com) or call toll-free 800/873-7545.

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## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Network Searches for Director of Training and Performance Enhancement**

The Behavioral Health Network of the Gerontology Network in **Grand Rapids** is seeking a Director of Training and Performance Enhancement to develop and integrate a dynamic training program for the Mature Market.

Excellent leadership and communications skills, plus 3-5 years experience in training and program leadership is required. A Masters degree in a training-related field, or a RN degree with geriatric and training experience is preferred.

Job applications must be submitted by **April 21**. For more information, call 616/771-9758 or e-mail to [smarks@gerontologynetwork.org](mailto:smarks@gerontologynetwork.org).

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## **FEDERAL REGISTER** **(March 10 – April 7)**

### **DOT Develops Guidance for Elderly and Disabled Individuals Program**

See the Federal Register dated **March 15** (Vol. 71, No. 50). Go to “Federal Transit Administration” and see “Notices, Grants and Cooperative Agreements.” This notice from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) solicits public comment for developing guidance to assist grantees in implementing the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program, as well as the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and the New Freedom Program. By this notice, the FTA seeks public comment to assist the FTA in developing circulars for these three programs. The FTA has developed proposed strategies, described in this notice, to help develop a coordinated public transit human services transportation plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 07. This notice also includes guidance for the FY 06 implementation for those guidelines that go into effect immediately. Public comment must be submitted by **April 21**. For more information, call 202/366-4020 or e-mail to [bryna.helfer@fta.dot.gov](mailto:bryna.helfer@fta.dot.gov).

### **Corporation Proposes Recipient Components for Performance Survey**

See the Federal Register dated **March 20** (Vol. 71, No. 53). Go to “Corporation for National and Community Service” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Corporation for National and Community Service requests public comment by **April 19** concerning plans to conduct the Volunteer and Service Recipient Survey Components of the Senior Corps Performance Surveys for the three major programs, Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), Senior Companion Program

(SCP) and RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). This study is being conducted under contract with Westat Inc. to collect information about local project outcomes of volunteer service. This information is to be used by the Corporation in preparing its Annual Performance Reports, as well as for responding to ad hoc requests from Congress and other interested parties. To obtain copies of this document, call 202/606-6663 or e-mail to [ndietz@cns.gov](mailto:ndietz@cns.gov).

### **HUD Announces Housing Counseling Program Grant Recipients**

See the Federal Register dated **March 21** (Vol. 71, No. 54). Go to "Housing and Urban Development Department" and see "Notices, Grant and cooperative agreement awards." This notice from the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) notifies the public of funding decisions made by HUD for the funding of HUD-approved counseling agencies to provide counseling services. Under the Housing Counseling Program, HUD enters into agreement with qualified public or private nonprofit organizations to provide housing counseling services to low and moderate-income individuals and families nationwide. The services include providing information, advice and assistance to the homeless, renters, first-time homebuyers, homeowners, and senior adults in areas such as pre-purchase counseling, financial management, property maintenance and other types of housing assistance to help individuals and families improve their housing conditions and meet the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership. The competitive grant recipients from Michigan are:

Detroit Non-Profit Housing Corporation in **Detroit** (\$32,190)  
Grand Rapids Urban League in **Grand Rapids** (\$20,157)  
Greater East Side Community Association in **Flint** (\$37,593)  
Home Repair Services of Kent County, Inc. in **Grand Rapids** (\$30,471)  
Lansing Affordable Homes in **Lansing** (\$20,157)  
Michigan State University (MSU) Extension Service in **Lansing** (\$32,190)  
Michigan State Housing Development Authority in **Lansing** (\$93,381)  
Mission of Peace in **Flint** (\$826,729)  
NCCS Center for Nonprofit Housing in **Fremont** (\$27,033)  
Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency, Inc. in **Traverse City** (\$51,013)  
Oakland County Housing Counseling in **Pontiac** (\$46,000)  
Phoenix Housing & Counseling Non-Profit, Inc. in **Detroit** (\$15,000)  
Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency in **Benton Harbor** (\$21,876)

In addition, HUD awarded two grants of \$51,013 and \$40,000 to the Inner City Christian Federation in **Grand Rapids**, and two grants of \$65,000 and 12,500 to the Lighthouse Community Development in **Pontiac**. HUD also has awarded two grants of \$999,900 and \$3,000,000 to the AARP Foundation, and a non-competitive grant of \$800,000 to the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) to provide counseling services to senior adults who are eligible for housing counseling. For more information, call 202/708-0317.

### **CMS Issues Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances**

See the Federal Register dated **March 24** (Vol. 71, No. 57). Go to "Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services" and see "Notices, Medicare and Medicaid." This notice from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides a quarterly listing of Medicare and Medicaid program issuances. It contains manual instructions, substantive and interpretive regulations, and other Federal Register notices that were published October 2005 through December 2005 relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. It includes information on national coverage determinations (NCDs) affecting specific medical and health care services under Medicare, and listings of all approval numbers from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for collections.

For more information, call 410/786-2134.

### **AoA Requests Input for Title IV Performance Progress Reports**

See the Federal Register dated **March 31** (Vol. 71, No. 62). Go to “Aging Administration” and see “Notices, Agency information collection activities.” This notice from the Administration on Aging (AoA) announces opportunity for public comment on proposed requirements relating to Performance Progress Reports for Title IV grantees. Comments must be received by **May 30**. The AoA requests input regarding Guidelines for Preparing Performance Reports for grants supported by Title IV of the Older Americans Act (OAA). These guidelines will provide instructions for semi-annual and final performance reporting pursuant to requirements in Title IV. Through its Title IV Program, the AoA supports projects for the purpose of developing and testing new knowledge and program innovations with the potential for contributing to the wellbeing of older Americans. The proposed guidelines may be found on the AoA website ([www.aoa.gov/doingbus/grantrep/grantrep.asp](http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/grantrep/grantrep.asp)). For more information, call 202/357-3442 or e-mail to [greg.case@aoa.gov](mailto:greg.case@aoa.gov).

### **VA Proposes to Rewrite Pension Regulations in Plain Language**

See the Federal Register dated **March 31** (Vol. 71, No. 62). Go to “Veterans Affairs Department” and see “Proposed Rules.” This proposed rule by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) would reorganize and rewrite in plain language general provisions applicable to its compensation and pension regulations, including definitions. This is proposed as part of the VA’s rewrite and reorganization of all of its compensation and pension rules in a logical, claimant-focused and user-friendly format. The intended effect of this is to assist claimants, beneficiaries and VA personnel in locating and understanding these general provisions. Public comment must be received by **May 30**. For more information, call 202/273-9515.

### **CMS Issues Final Rule for Medicare Payment of Mobility Devices**

See the Federal Register dated **April 5** (Vol. 71, No. 65). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Rules, Medicare.” This final rule from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) outlines a final rule, effective **June 5**, that conforms to the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act. It defines “power mobility devices (PMDs)” as power wheelchairs and power operated vehicles (POVs or scooters). It gives the conditions for Medicare payment of PMDs and defines who may prescribe PMDs. It also requires a face-to-face examination of the beneficiary by the physician or treating practitioner, a written prescription, and receipt of pertinent parts of the medical record by the supplier within 45 days after the face-to-face examination. Finally, it discusses CMS policy on documentation that may be requested by CMS or its agents to support a Medicare claim for payment, as well as the elimination of the Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) for PMDs. For more information, call 410/786-0189 or 410/786-9370.

### **HHS Seeks Co-sponsors for Fitness Festival**

See the Federal Register dated **April 6** (Vol. 71, No. 66). Go to “Health and Human Services Department” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Office of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces an opportunity for both federal and non-federal public and private sector entities to co-sponsor the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual HealthierUS Fitness Festival. The festival will take place **May 6** in Washington, DC and will include ongoing interactive sports and fitness demonstrations. Its purpose will be to motivate individuals of all ages and abilities to begin and continue an active lifestyle leading to enhanced physical fitness by providing access to actual demonstrations and sound information on diverse

organizations and activities. No registration will be charged for any festival participants. Co-sponsors must have a demonstrated interest in physical activity/fitness and/or sports, and will be asked to partner with PCPFS in ways that meet their particular circumstances. There are no federal funds available for co-sponsorships. A request to participate as a co-sponsor must be received by **April 21**. For more information, call 202/690-5148 or e-mail to [cspain@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:cspain@osophs.dhhs.gov).

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## LEGISLATION SUMMARY

The following bills are listed for informational/educational purposes only. The list does not constitute OSA support or endorsement. Nor does it indicate the critical bills OSA considers to be of priority. All of this information is current, as of the date of this issue. But it is subject to change at any time through legislative action.

For more information about the content and legislative history of a particular bill, go to [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov) (the Michigan Legislature website) and enter the bill number in the box under "Legislative Bill Search." Then click on "Go!" and the status page of the bill will appear with current information about the bill. Click on a "PDF" or "TXT" box for a copy of the latest version of the bill, or a House or Senate analysis of the bill.

The Michigan Legislature website ([www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org)) is a free service of the Legislative Internet Technology Team in cooperation with the Michigan Legislative Council, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate. Also, call the Michigan Law Library at 517/373-0630 for legal research questions.

If you have a question or opinion about any of these bills, contact your state legislator. Also, you may call **OSA Director Sharon Gire** at 517/373-7876 or e-mail her at [osadirector@michigan.gov](mailto:osadirector@michigan.gov).

### **New House Bills (March 13 – April 7)**

#### **House Bill (HB) 5907 of 2006**

Property tax; assessments; transfer of ownership of principal residence to certain senior citizens; revise. Amends Public Act (PA) 206 of 1893. Sponsored by **Rep. Leslie Mortimer** (R-Horton) and co-sponsored by three others. Referred to the House Committee on Tax Policy 3-23-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5918 of 2006**

Health; other; Michigan health freedom act; create. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Leslie Mortimer** (R-Horton). Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-29-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5919 of 2006**

Health; code; cleanup of provisions related to the long-term care continuum act; provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie barred with HB 5772 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. John Stahl** (R-North Branch) and co-sponsored by 16 others. Referred to the House Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement 3-29-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5922 of 2006**

Mental health; code; array of reimbursed services; amend and provide technical changes. Amends Public Act 258 of 1974. Sponsored by **Rep. Andy Meisner** (D-Ferndale) and co-

sponsored by 15 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-30-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5923 of 2006**

Mental health; recipient rights; reporting procedure for the state recipient rights director; clarify. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. Sponsored by **Rep. Fran Amos** (R-Waterford) and co-sponsored by 16 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-30-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5924 of 2006**

Mental health; community mental health; consolidation plan; create. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. Sponsored by **Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi** (D-Farmington Hills) and co-sponsored by 14 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-30-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5925 of 2006**

Mental health; other; assessment language for people needing treatment; clarify. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. Sponsored by **Rep. Carl M. Williams** (D-Saginaw) and co-sponsored by 16 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-30-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5926 of 2006**

Mental health; recipient rights; state recipient rights office to examine certain fatalities and events for possible violations; allow. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. Sponsored **Rep. John Stewart** (R-Plymouth) and co-sponsored by 16 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-30-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5927 of 2006**

Mental health; other; medical director of mental health services; provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. Sponsored by **Rep. Gabe Leland** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by 14 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-30-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5928 of 2006**

Mental health; recipient rights; standardized database and statewide reporting system to track applicants denied services; establish. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. Sponsored by **Rep. Pam Byrnes** (D-Dexter) and co-sponsored by 16 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-30-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5929 of 2006d**

Mental health; other; advance psychiatric directives and unqualified records access for family of deceased; provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary McDowell** (D-Rudyard) and co-sponsored by 14 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-30-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5931 of 2006**

Health facilities; nursing homes; civil penalties for violation of nursing home patient bill of rights; increase. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gino Polidori** (D-Dearborn) and co-sponsored by 26 others. Referred to the House Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement 3-30-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5940 of 2006**

Health; occupations; judicial review of final determinations, orders, or decisions of a peer review entity and release of certain records, data, and knowledge relevant to that review pursuant to a subpoena; provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Roger Kahn** (R-Saginaw Township) and co-sponsored by 23 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-30-06.

### **House Bill (HB) 5941 of 2006**

Health; research; immunity for providing data or other information to a peer review entity or the use of that information by the peer review entity with the intent to defraud or knowingly violate the law; clarify and require to comply with the public health code. Amends Public Act (PA) 270 of 1967. Tie barred with HB 5940 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Roger Kahn** (R-Saginaw Township) and co-sponsored by 23 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 3-30-06.

### **New Senate Bills (March 13 – April 7)**

### **Senate Bill (SB) 1131 of 2006**

Human services; services or financial assistance; fee for obtaining certain benefits; revise eligibility requirements. Amends Public Act (PA) 280 of 1939. Sponsored by **Sen. Gilda Jacobs** (D-Huntington Woods) and co-sponsored by one other. Referred to the Senate Committee on Families and Human Services 3-14-06.

### **Senate Bill (SB) 1151 of 2006**

Insurance; health care corporations; reimbursement of certain optometric services; revise. Amends Public Act (PA) 350 of 1980. Sponsored by **Sen. Jason Allen** (R- Traverse City) and co-sponsored by one other. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 3-15-06.

### **Senate Bill (SB) 1153 of 2006**

Insurance; prudent purchaser agreements; reimbursement of certain optometric services; revise. Amends Public Act (PA) 233 of 1984. Sponsored by **Sen. Dennis Olshove** (D-Warren). Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 3-15-06.

### **Senate Bill (SB) 1154 of 2006**

Insurance; health; reimbursement of certain optometric services; revise. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Sponsored by **Sen. Dennis Olshove** (D-Warren). Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 3-15-06.

### **Senate Bill (SB) 1172 of 2006**

Communications; telecommunications; sunset on 9-1-1 emergency service district; extend. Amends Public Act (PA) 32 of 1986. Sponsored by **Sen. Cameron Brown** (R-Sturgis). Referred to the Senate Committee on Technology and Energy 3-21-06.

### **Bills that have Moved (March 13 – April 7)**

House Bill (HB) 4486 of 2005, House Bill (HB) 4745 of 2005, House Bill (HB) 4746 of 2005, House Bill (HB) 4870 of 2005, House Bill (HB) 4891 of 2005, House Bill (HB) 5325 of 2005, House Bill (HB) 5336 of 2005, House Bill (HB) 5493 of 2005, House Bill (HB) 5608 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 5744 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 5745 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 5750 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 5760 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 5836 of 2006, Senate Bill (SB) 848 of 2006, Senate Bill (SB) 849 of 2006, Senate Bill (SB) 1027 of 2006, Senate Bill (SB) 1028 of 2006, and Senate Bill (SB) 1083 of 2006.

### **House Bill (HB) 4486 of 2005**

This bill would repeal the Estate Tax Act and references to the act in other state laws. Repeals Public Act (PA) 188 of 1899. Sponsored by **Rep. Rick Baxter** (R-Hanover) and co-sponsored by 47 others. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 2-17-06. Referred to the House

Committee on Tax Policy 3-1-06. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 3-3-06. House substitute bill adopted 3-22-06. Passed by the House 3-23-06. Immediate effect defeated 3-23-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 3-28-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 4745 of 2005**

This bill would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act to allow Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan to refuse to offer or provide a health care benefit on ethical, moral or religious grounds as reflected in its articles of incorporation or bylaws, or by an adopted mission statement. Amends Public Act (PA) 350 of 1980. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt). Referred to the House Committee on Insurance 5-10-05. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 2-21-06. Referred to second reading 3-23-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 4746 of 2005**

This bill would amend the Insurance Code to allow commercial health insurance companies and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) to refuse to offer or provide a health care benefit on ethical, moral or religious grounds as reflected in its articles of incorporations or bylaws, or by an adopted mission statement. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt). Referred to the House Committee on Insurance 5-10-05. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 2-21-06. Referred to second reading 3-23-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 4870 (2005)**

This bill would amend the Estate and Protected Individual Code to put into statute the order of priority in which adult survivors of a decedent have the right to possess the decedent's body and the power to make decisions about funeral arrangements, including decisions about cremation and the disposal of cremated remains. The bill would specify that a funeral home, that in good faith and after reasonable diligence attempts to comply with the provisions added by the bill, would not be civilly liable in connection with the funeral arrangements provided or the handling or disposition of the body. Amends Public Act (PA) 386 of 1998. Tie barred with HB 4890 and HB 4891 (which means none of these bills can take effect unless all do). Sponsored by **Rep. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale) and co-sponsored by four others, this bill is tie-barred to HB 4890 and HB 4891 (which means neither bill can take effect unless all three do). Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 6-7-05. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 3-27-06. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill 3-29-06. Referred to second reading 3-29-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 4891 (2005)**

This bill would amend provisions in the Occupational Code dealing with funeral establishments to cite the new provisions in the Estates and Protected Individual Code (EPIC). Amends Public Act (PA) 299 of 1980. Tie barred with HB 4870 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. David Law** (R-West Bloomfield) and co-sponsored by six others. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 6-7-05. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 3-27-06. Reported with recommendation with amendments 3-29-06. Referred to second reading 3-29-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5325 of 2005**

This bill would amend the Public Health Code to require hospitals to require a hospital, during flu season, to inform each person age 65 and older admitted to the hospital for a period of 24 hours or more, that the flu vaccine is available. The vaccine would then be administered if the patient requested it, and the appropriate health care providers determine that the vaccination was in the patient's best interest. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Kevin Green** (R-Wyoming) and co-sponsored by 48 others. Referred to the House Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement 10-18-02. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 10-31-06. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 12-7-05. House substitute bill adopted 3-14-06.

Passed by the House and given immediate effect 3-15-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 3-16-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5336 (2005)**

This bill would add Part 25 (Health Information Technology) to the Public Health Code to create the Health Information Technology Commission within the Department of Community Health to facilitate and promote the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of an interoperable health care information infrastructure in Michigan. The Commission would consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by 39 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 10-19-05. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analyses 1-17-06 and 3-13-06. House substitute bill adopted 3-14-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 3-15-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 3-16-06. Senate Fiscal Analyses 3-28-06 and 3-30-06. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a Senate substitute bill 4-18-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5493 of 2006**

This bill would adopt model legislation initiated by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Based on a mutual recognition model of nurse licensure, the Compact would allow a registered nurse (RN) or a licensed practical nurse (LPN) to be licensed by his or her home state of residency, and to practice in another compact state – without an additional license – as long as the nurse adhered to the other state’s practice laws and discipline. An interstate compact supercedes state law. However, the Nurse License Compact would not affect the nurse practice laws in a party state. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Rep. John Stakoe** (R-Highland) and co-sponsored by 40 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 12-8-05. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 1-30-06. House substitute bill adopted and amended 3-22-06. Passed by the House 3-22-06. Immediate effect defeated by the House 3-22-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 3-23-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5608 of 2006**

This bill would enter Michigan into the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact. This is said to be a model act developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Each “compacting state” has one member of the Compact Commission created by the compact, for Michigan the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS). A state could withdraw from the compact by specifically repealing the statute this bill would create. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Rep. Barbara Farrah** (D-Southgate) and co-sponsored by 26 others. Referred to the House Committee on Insurance 1-24-06. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 3-22-06. Reported with recommendation with House substitute bill 3-23-06. Referred to second reading 3-23-06. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 3-27-06.

#### **House Bill (HB) 5744 of 2006**

This bill would amend the Mental Health Code to specify that a rule or an exception to a rule promulgated under these Codes could not discriminate in favor of or against any provider, facility or employer based on the presence of lack of a collective bargaining agreement with employees. Also, collective bargaining status, level of wages, or fringe benefits would not be used to demonstrate or excuse compliance with state licensing or regulatory standards or requirements. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. Sponsored by **Rep. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale). Referred to the House Committee on Government Operations 2-22-06. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 2-27-06. House substitute bill adopted 3-1-06. House Fiscal Analysis (HFA) Legislative Analysis 3-1-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 3-2-06. Senate Fiscal Analysis 3-6-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Families and Human Services 3-7-06. Senate Fiscal Analysis 3-8-06. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 3-8-06. Passed by the Senate 3-8-06. Immediate effect defeated by the Senate 3-8-06. Bill ordered

enrolled 3-8-06. Vetoed by the Governor 3-23-06.

### **House Bill (HB) 5745 of 2006**

This bill would amend the Public Health Code to specify that a rule or an exception to a rule promulgated under these Codes could not discriminate in favor of or against any provider, facility or employer based on the presence of lack of a collective bargaining agreement with employees. Also, collective bargaining status, level of wages, or fringe benefits would not be used to demonstrate or excuse compliance with state licensing or regulatory standards or requirements. Amends Public Act 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Rick Shaffer** (R-Three Rivers). Referred to the House Committee on Government Operations 2-22-06. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 2-27-06. House substitute bill adopted 3-1-06. House Fiscal Analysis (HFA) Legislative Analysis 3-1-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 3-2-06. Senate Fiscal Analysis 3-6-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Families and Human Services 3-7-06. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole 3-8-06. Senate Fiscal Analysis 3-8-06. Passed by the Senate 3-8-06. Immediate effect defeated by the Senate 3-8-06. Bill ordered enrolled 3-8-06. Vetoed by the Governor 3-23-06.

### **House Bill (HB) 5750 of 2006**

This bill would amend the definition of "licensee" in the Public Health Code so that it would include an individual authorized to engage in the practice of nursing or the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse under a multi-state nurse licensure compact. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie barred with HB 5493 (which means neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. John Stakoe** (R-Highland). Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 2-23-06. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analysis 2-27-06. House substitute bill adopted 3-22-06. Passed by the House 3-22-06. Immediate effect defeated by the House 3-22-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 3-23-06.

### **House Bill (HB) 5760 of 2006**

This bill would amend the Public School Employees Retirement Act to extend for five years a provision that allows retired teachers and other school personnel to work as school employees without a reduction in their pensions, if they work in a school district with an approved emergency situation. The provision in the act that permits this expires July 1, 2006. The bill would change that date to July 1, 2011. The bill specifies that these provisions apply only to retirees who retired on or before April 1, 2006. Amends Public Act (PA) 300 of 1980. Sponsored by **Rep. David Palsrok** (R-Manistee) and co-sponsored by eight others. Referred to the House Committee on Education 2-28-06. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analyses 3-21-06 and 3-28-06. House substitute bill adopted and amended 3-30-06. Placed on third reading 3-30-06.

### **House Bill (HB) 5836 of 2006**

This bill would amend the Public Health Code so that the person with authority of disposition of the body and burial in EPIC would be cited in sections addressing consent for autopsies and anatomical gifts. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie barred with HB 5833 and HB 5835 (which means none of these bills can take effect unless all do). Sponsored by **Rep. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale). Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 3-7-06. Reported with recommendation and amendments 3-29-06. Referred to second reading 3-29-06.

### **Senate Bill (SB) 848 of 2005**

This bill would amend the Insurance Code and the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act, effective January 1, 2007, to permit an insurer or health maintenance organization (HMO) to offer wellness coverage. It would apply to an insurer providing an expense-incurred hospital, medical or surgical certificate delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state, as well as a HMO. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Sponsored by **Sen. Tom George** (R-Portage) and co-

sponsored by 21 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 10-27-05. Senate Fiscal Analysis 3-3-06. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a Senate substitute bill 3-14-06. Senate substitute bill as amended concurred in by the Senate 3-15-06. Senate Fiscal Analyses 3-15-6. Amendments adopted 3-16-06. Senate Fiscal Analysis 3-16-06. Vote reconsidered 3-16-06.

#### **Senate Bill (SB) 849 of 2005**

This bill would amend the Insurance Code and the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform act, effective January 1, 2007, to permit an insurer or health maintenance organization (HMO) to offer wellness coverage. It would apply to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM). Amends Public Act (PA) 350 of 1980. Sponsored by **Sen. Tom George** (R-Portage) and co-sponsored by 21 others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 10-27-05. Senate Fiscal Analysis 3-3-06. Referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a Senate substitute bill 3-14-06. Senate substitute bill as amended concurred in by the Senate 3-15-06. Senate Fiscal Analyses 3-15-6. Amendments offered 3-16-06. Senate Fiscal Analysis 3-16-06.

#### **Senate Bill (SB) 1027 of 2006**

This bill would amend the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act to prohibit the promulgation of administrative rules or exceptions to rules that discriminate in favor or against a provider, facility or employer, based on the existence of a collective bargaining agreement with employees. This bill further provides that collective bargaining status, level of wages, or fringe benefits would not be used to demonstrate or excuse compliance with licensing or regulatory requirements. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1979. Sponsored by **Sen. Alan L. Cropsey** (R-DeWitt) and co-sponsored by three others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Families and Human Services 2-2-06. Senate Fiscal Analyses 2-6-06, 2-8-06 and 2-13-06. Senate substitute bill concurred in 2-14-06. Passed by the Senate 2-14-06. Referred to the House Committee on Government Operations 2-14-06. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analyses 2-27-06 and 3-1-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 3-2-06. Returned to the Senate 3-2-06. Given immediate effect by the Senate 3-7-06. Ordered enrolled 3-7-06. Vetoed by the Governor 3-23-06.

#### **Senate Bill (SB) 1028 of 2006**

This bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to prohibit the promulgation of administrative rules or exceptions to rules that discriminate in favor or against a provider, facility or employer, based on the existence of a collective bargaining agreement with employees. This bill further provides that collective bargaining status, level of wages, or fringe benefits would not be used to demonstrate or excuse compliance with licensing or regulatory requirements. Amends Public Act (PA) 280 of 1939. Sponsored by **Sen. Alan Sanborn** (R-Richmond) and co-sponsored by four others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Families and Human Services 2-2-06. Senate Fiscal Analyses 2-6-06, 2-8-06 and 2-13-06. Senate substitute bill concurred in 2-14-06. Passed by the Senate 2-14-06. Referred to the House Committee on Government Operations 2-14-06. House Fiscal Agency (HFA) Legislative Analyses 2-27-06 and 3-1-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 3-2-06. Returned to the Senate 3-2-06. Given immediate effect by the Senate 3-7-06. Ordered enrolled 3-7-06. Vetoed by the Governor 3-23-06.

#### **Senate Bill (SB) 1083 of 2006**

Appropriations; community health; Department of Community Health; provide for fiscal year 2006-2007. Creates appropriation act. Sponsored by **Sen. Deborah Cherry** (D-Burton) and co-sponsored by one other. Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations 2-28-06. Senate Fiscal Analyses 2-28-06, 3-16-06 and 3-23-06. Senate substitute bill as amended concurred in 3-28-06. Passed by the Senate 3-28-06. Senate Fiscal Analysis 3-29-06. Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations 3-30-06.

**Public Acts  
(2005 – 2006)**

**Public Act (PA) 24 of 2005**

**House Bill (HB) 4188 of 2005**

This bill amends the General Property Tax Act to increase from \$25,000 to \$35,000 the maximum household income of a taxpayer 62 years old, or older, who may defer the collection of summer property taxes, and to remove the income limit for other taxpayers eligible for the summer tax collection deferral. It amends Public Act (PA) 206 of 1893. Sponsored by **Rep. Tory Rocca** (R-Sterling Heights) and co-sponsored by 72 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 5-23-05, and assigned PA 24 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 72 of 2005**

**House Bill (HB) 4434 of 2005**

This bill amends the Public Health Code to provide that pharmacies that shared a real-time, online database or other equivalent means of communication, or pharmacies that transferred prescriptions pursuant to a written contract for centralized prescription processing services, would not have to follow the procedure established in the Code to refill a copy of a prescription from another pharmacy. It amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt) and co-sponsored by 82 others, this bill was tie-barred with SB 352 (which meant neither could take effect unless both did). It was **approved by Gov. Granholm 7-19-05, and assigned PA 72 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 73 of 2005**

**Senate Bill (SB) 352 of 2005**

This bill amends the Public Health Code to allow a pharmacy to perform centralized prescription processing services or outsource those services to another pharmacy if certain conditions are met. It amends Public Act 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Bill Hardiman** (R-Kentwood) and co-sponsored by 23 others, this bill was tie-barred with HB 4434 (which meant neither could take effect unless both did). It was **approved by Gov. Granholm 8-31-05, and assigned PA 73 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 85 of 2005**

**House Bill (HB) 4405 of 2005**

This bill amends the Public Health Code to eliminate the authority of a disciplinary subcommittee to impose sanctions against a pharmacist for employing the mail to sell, distribute, or deliver a drug that requires a prescription when the prescription for the drug is received by mail. It amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gretchen Whitmer** (D-East Lansing) and co-sponsored by 63 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 7-20-05, and assigned PA 85 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 109 of 2005**

**House Bill (HB) 4436 of 2005**

Appropriations; zero budget; supplemental appropriations; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005. This bill increases private funds authorization for OSA \$75,000 to recognize private contributions for administering the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program for Seniors, or Project FRESH. Federal funds support the food costs, and the administrative costs must be supported by the state and other contributors. It creates a new appropriations act. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt), it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 9-15-05, and assigned PA 109 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 114 of 2005**

**Senate Bill (SB) 348 of 2005**

The General Property Tax Act requires local tax collecting units that collect a summer property tax to defer the collection, at the taxpayer's request, until the following February 15 for the principal residence of taxpayers with a household income of \$35,000 or less. To be eligible for the deferment, a taxpayer must be totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or an eligible serviceperson or an eligible veteran (or be the widow or widower of such a person). The deferment is also available to taxpayers who are at least 62 years of age, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was at least 62 years of age at time of death. This bill eliminates the income requirement for these taxpayers, except for taxpayers who are at least 62 years of age, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was at least 62 years of age at the time of death. For those taxpayers, the income threshold will increase to \$37,500 for the 2006 tax year and to \$40,000 for the 2007 tax year and beyond. It amends Public Act (PA) 206 of 1893. Sponsored by **Sen. Nancy Cassis** (R-Novi) and co-sponsored by four others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 9-21-05, and assigned PA 114 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 147 of 2005****Senate Bill (SB) 271 of 2005**

Appropriations; Family Independence Agency (now the Department of Human Services); provide for fiscal year 2005-2006. Creates a new appropriations act. Sponsored by **Sen. Martha Scott** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by one other, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-5-05 with line-items vetoed, and assigned PA 147 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 154 of 2005****House Bill (HB) 4831 OF 2005**

Appropriations; other; zero budget appropriations bill; provide for fiscal years 2005 and 2006. Creates a new appropriations act. Sponsored by **Rep. Scott Hummel** (R-DeWitt), it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-5-05 with line items vetoed, and assigned PA 154 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 161 of 2005****House Bill (HB) 4996 OF 2005**

Under provisions of the Public Health Code, dental hygienists, under the supervision of a dentist, can now provide dental hygiene services to patients who have not first been examined by a dentist as part of a program for "dentally underserved" patients conducted by a local, state, or federal grantee health agency. This bill amends the Public Health Code to revise the criteria for designation as a grantee health agency to include, for example, a public or nonprofit entity, or a school or nursing home that administers a program of dental care to a dentally underserved population. It amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale) and co-sponsored by 36 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-4-05, and assigned PA 161 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 187 of 2005****House Bill (HB) 5055 OF 2005**

This bill modifies the nursing home and hospital Quality Assurance Assessment Programs (QAAPs) to extend sunsets, reflect the amount of tax retained by the State, and changes the way the nursing home QAAP is assessed. The QAAP includes county-owned nursing homes for the first time. It amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale), it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 10-27-05, and assigned PA 187 of 2005 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 338 of 2005****Senate Bill (SB) 529 OF 2005**

This bill makes homestead facilities eligible for residential tax abatements under the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act. Before this bill became law, the act applied only to newly constructed and rehabilitated residential housing. This bill applies to other existing residences purchased since December 31, 1997. The homestead facility will receive a property tax abatement equal to one-half of the property taxes levied for operating purposes on the building by the local unit and the county. It amends Public Act 147 of 1992. Sponsored by **Sen. Martha Scott** (D-Highland Park), it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 12/31/05, and assigned PA 338 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 339 of 2005**  
**Senate Bill (SB) 530 OF 2005**

This bill makes homestead facilities eligible for residential tax abatements under the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act. Before this bill became law, the act applied only to newly constructed and rehabilitated residential housing. This bill applies to other existing residences purchased since December 31, 1997. The homestead facility will receive a property tax abatement equal to one-half of the property taxes levied for operating purposes on the building by the local unit and the county. It amends Public Act (PA) 147 of 1992. Sponsored by **Sen. Samuel Thomas III** (D-Detroit), it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 12-31-05, and assigned PA 339 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 24 of 2006**  
**House Bill (HB) 4670 of 2005**

This bill amends the Public Health Code to allow an individual who is retired from the active practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine, and who wishes to donate his or her expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent and needy individuals or individuals in medically underserved areas of the state, to obtain a special volunteer license to practice by submitting an application to the applicable board. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by 22 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-06, and assigned PA 24 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 25 of 2006**  
**House Bill (HB) 5375 of 2005**

This bill amends the Public Health Code to provide for civil immunity for retired physicians who volunteer their services at a health facility or agency serving the medically indigent. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by 17 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-06, and assigned PA 25 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 26 of 2006**  
**House Bill (HB) 5168 of 2005**

This bill amends the Public Health Code to require an applicant for a health profession license or registration, or for reinstatement or reclassification of a license or registration, to undergo a criminal background check. In addition, the bill allows a licensing board for good cause to request a licensee or registrant to have a criminal background check. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Paula Zelenko** (D-Burton) and co-sponsored by 50 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-05, and assigned PA 26 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 27 of 2006**  
**House Bill (HB) 5448 of 2005**

This bill amends the mental health code to require criminal history checks on individuals seeking employment, an independent contract, or clinical privileges with a psychiatric facility or immediate care facility for people with mental retardation. Amends Public Act (PA) 258 of 1974. It is tie-barred with HB 5168, SB 621 and SB 622. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale)

and co-sponsored by 47 others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-16-05, and assigned PA 27 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 28 of 2006**  
**Senate Bil (SB) 621 of 2005**

This bill expands the requirements for criminal background checks for new employees at health facilities and agencies, as well as individuals seeking clinical privileges and independent contracts. It adds two sections to the Public Health Code that applies to a health facility or agency that is a nursing home, county medical facility, hospice, hospital that provides swing bed services, home for the aged, or home health agency. In each case, a request will be made to the Department of State Police to conduct a criminal history check and to forward fingerprints into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) database, and to forward fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The State Police will have to request the FBI to make a determination of any national criminal history pertaining to an applicant for employment. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. It is tie-barred with HB 5168, HB 5448 and SB 622. Sponsored by **Sen. Patricia L. Birkholz** (R-Saugatuck) and co-sponsored by six others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-21-06, and assigned PA 28 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 29 of 2006**  
**Senate Bill (SB) 622 of 2005**

This bill expands the requirements for criminal background checks for new employees at foster care facilities, as well as individuals seeking clinical privileges and independent contracts. It amends the Adult Foster Care Facility. In each case, a request will be made to the Department of State Police to conduct a criminal history check and to forward fingerprints into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) database, and to forward fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The State Police will have to request the FBI to make a determination of any national criminal history pertaining to an applicant for employment. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1979. It is tie-barred with HB 5168, HB 5448 and SB 621. Sponsored by **Sen. Tony Stamas** (R-Midland) and co-sponsored by six others, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 2-21-06, and assigned PA 29 of 2006 with immediate effect.**

**Public Act (PA) 38 of 2006**  
**House Bill (HB) 4606 of 2005**

The bill amends the Public Health Code to require a health facility's or agency's policy describing patient or resident rights and responsibilities to include references to the Medical Records Access Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Stephen Adamini** (D-Marquette) and co-sponsored by one other, it was **approved by Gov. Granholm 3-2-06, and assigned PA 38 of 2006.**

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